(c) The following measures are being taken by Government to prevent child labour from being exploited:—

(i) the Child Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Act, 1986 has been passed by Parliament and among other things provides for severe penalties for violations of its provisions as also for violation of the provisions relating to employment of children under the Factories Act, 1948 the Mines Act, 1952, the Merchant Shipping Act, 1958 and Motor Transport Workers Act, 1961;

(ii) voluntary organisations are being provided assistance to take up projects aimed at benefitting child labour;

(iii) the State Govts. |Union Territories have been addressed to fix the same rates of minimum wages for children and adults so as to make child labour more expensive with a view to gradually eliminating them from labour market;

(iv) a pilot project to benefit the children working in the match industry in and around Sivakasi formulated by Govt. has started functioning since April, 1986, a similar project for Carpet Weaving children in the Mirzapur-Bhadohi area of U.P. is under formulation; and

(v) a National Policy on child labour is under formulation for providing facilities to working children to enable them to grow into healthy and productive adults.

ifting of ban import of meat from India by Saudi Arabia

2248. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Saudi Arabian Government have agreed to lift ban on the import of bovine meat and sea-food from India;

(b) if so, by when the export of these commodities to Saudi Arabia is likely to start;

(c) whether it is a fact that Indian sea food and mutton is in great demand in the Gulf countries; and

(d) if so, what was the quantum of mution is in demand in some Gulf ed by Saudi Arabia and Gulf countries during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The Indian sea food and mutton is in demand in some Gulf countries.

(d) A Statement is annexed. [*See* Appendix CXLI, Annexure No. 105].

लाल इमली बूलन मिल्स, कानपुर द्वारा उत्पादित गर्म कपड़ा

2249. **श्री अश्विनी कुमार :** क्या **वस्त्र** मंत्री यह बताने का कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि लाल इमली बूलन मिल्स, कानपुर में 56 हथकरघे, 135 बिजली चालित करघे व 105 स्वचालित करघे अर्थात् 296 करघे हैं ; यदि हां, तो 1984–85 और 1985–86 के वर्षों के दौरान मिल में प्रत्येक प्रकार के करघों पर अलग-अलग से उत्पादित कपड़े का ब्यौरा क्या है ;

(ख) क्या यह भी सच है कि कानपुर टैक्सटाइल और श्री राजेश शर्मा

को कुमार वूलन मिल, घुप स्पिनिंग मिल और स्वदेशी वीविंग इंडस्ट्री फैक्टरी, फजलगंज, कानपुर लाल इमली मिल के लिए कपड़े का उत्पादन करती है ; यदि हां, तो लाल इमली की ओर से इन मिलों द्वारा कितने कपड़े का उत्पादन किया गया और उन पर लेबिल चिपकाकर लाल इमली के कपड़े के रूप में प्रदर्शित किया गया ; और

(ग) लाल इमली वूलन मिल्स कानपुर द्वारा 1983–84 तथा 1984–85 के वर्षों के दौरान उत्पादित कपड़े का ब्यौरा क्या है और 60 नम्बर की लोई तथा ब्लैजर बी० सी० 95 के मूल्यों में प्रतिवर्ष प्रतिमीटर कितने रुपए की वृद्धि की गई ?

वस्त्र मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री रामनिवास मिर्धा) : (क) से (ग) जानकारी एकत्र की जा रही है और सभा पटल पर रख दी जाएगी।

Fait in the price of Handloom Cloth

2250. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been a fall in the prices of handloom cloth;

(b) how does its price correspond with the figures of the last year; and

(c) what steps Government have taken to help the handloom sector to tide over this crisis?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) and (b) Information in respect of price of handloom cloth is not separately maintained. However, the prices of Janata cloth produced on handlooms, are fixed by Government of India and there has been no fall in the prices of Janata varieties in the last one year.

(c) Does not arise.

पाकिस्तानी राष्ट्रिकों का दौरा

2251. **श्री शमीम अहमद सिद्दीकी** : क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि 1985–86 के दौरान पाकिस्तान के कितने नागरिक भारत आए और कितने भारतीय पाकिस्तान गए ?

गृह मंत्री (श्री बूटा सिंह) : निम्नलिखित वर्षों में भारत का दौरा करने वाले पाकिस्तानी राष्ट्रिक इस प्रकार है :–

1985 . .	1,49,508
1986 . .	1,62,194

जहां तक पाकिस्तान में गये भारतीयों का संबंध है सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है और सभा पटल पर रख दी जाएगी।

Disposal of surplus stores by DGS&D

2252. SMT. AMARJIT KAUR:
SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that on disposal of surplus stores by the DGS & D, the sale realisation is sometimes much less than the book value of the goods; and

(b) if so, what steps have been initiated to avoid such losses?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) and (b) Yes please. The sale value of surplus stores is not a fixed percentage of the book value or the original cost of acquisition. Before the auction, the condition of the stores is examined and a Guiding Price is fixed taking into account age|condition of stores, depreciation, realization from similar stores in the past 6 months etc. for the information of the Supervising Officer. The Surplus stores are, however, disposed of at the best obtainable price in open competition either by tender or by auction. It